

Senate Concurrent Resolution 113

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1 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY LUNDBY and CONNOLLY
1 3 (COMPANION TO HCR 113 BY RAECKER)
1 4 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the 25th
1 5 anniversary of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.
1 6 WHEREAS, June 21, 2004, marks the 25th anniversary
1 7 of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit
1 8 Iowa organization dedicated to protecting, preserving,
1 9 and enhancing Iowa's natural resources for future
1 10 generations; and
1 11 WHEREAS, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation was
1 12 created by then-Governor Robert D. Ray and concerned
1 13 private citizens as a nonpartisan means of uniting
1 14 government, business, and private citizens for the
1 15 express purpose of protecting Iowa's valuable natural
1 16 resources; and
1 17 WHEREAS, Iowans today and future generations need
1 18 clean water, a biologically diverse and scenic
1 19 landscape, and outdoor recreation opportunities to
1 20 ensure the state's quality of life and the economic
1 21 well-being of Iowa communities; and
1 22 WHEREAS, in its first 25 years, the Iowa Natural
1 23 Heritage Foundation has helped protect more than
1 24 75,000 acres of Iowa's special places; developed more
1 25 than half of Iowa's extensive rail-trail system;
1 26 restored and reconstructed natural ecosystems;
1 27 improved water quality in key Iowa watersheds; created
1 28 conservation education programs for schools and
1 29 landowners; and served as a catalyst and leader on
1 30 conservation issues ranging from regional planning to
2 1 state and federal funding opportunities; and
2 2 WHEREAS, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation has
2 3 accomplished these goals not through divisive
2 4 approaches but by actively involving partners,
2 5 including local, state, and federal governments;
2 6 private landowners; community volunteers; business and
2 7 agricultural groups; and other conservation
2 8 organizations; and
2 9 WHEREAS, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation's
2 10 innovation and leadership are needed today more than
2 11 ever to protect Iowa's natural resources for those who
2 12 follow; NOW THEREFORE,
2 13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
2 14 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General
2 15 Assembly recognizes the significant contributions made
2 16 by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for Iowa's
2 17 land, water, wildlife, and people over the past 25
2 18 years; and
2 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General
2 20 Assembly expresses the grateful appreciation of the
2 21 state of Iowa for the many ways the Iowa Natural
2 22 Heritage Foundation effectively leads, shapes, and
2 23 supports conservation efforts in Iowa; and
2 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage of this
2 25 resolution, the Secretary of the Senate shall cause an
2 26 official copy of this resolution to be provided to the
2 27 Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.
2 28 SCR 113
2 29 jp/cc/26